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Question Box

NOTE: All questions addressed to "The Question Box" must be signed if they are to receive a reply. However, names will be withheld from publication if requested. Only the questions considered of general interest will be answered in the EVANGEL.

QUESTION:

I should like to know where the Negro originated. Most people have the opinion that the Negro is a descendant of Ham, but I can't find any scripture to that effect.—R. H. N.

GENESIS 10:6, 7 REVEALS Ham as the forefather of the Negroid races. The son of Ham was Cush, father of the Cushites, a black people. The grandson of Cush was Sheba, for whom the country Sheba was named, also a nation of black people. Haile Selassie of Ethiopia today claims to be a direct descendant of the queen of Sheba. Negroes, however, are not the only descendants of Ham—others being the Egyptians, the Carthaginians, and other Aborigines of the northern coast of Africa.



QUESTION:

Please explain Matthew 19:24, "And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God."—S. G. T.

JESUS CERTAINLY did not mean here that it is impossible for a rich man to be saved. He pointed out to the rich young ruler a possible way of salvation, in Matthew 19:17-21. Joseph of Arimathea was a man of relative wealth and was a disciple of Christ; Barnabas of Cyprus was likewise of relative wealth and was a saved man. The accent in this verse is not on the fact that a rich man can not be saved, but rather on the fact that his riches can not purchase his entrance into the kingdom of God. That this is the correct meaning is borne out by Jesus' words in verse 26, "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible," meaning that man's wealth does not purchase eternal life or merit eternal life, but that God can grant eternal life to a man with wealth. It is hard for a rich man to be saved because he learns to trust in the power of his riches rather than in the power of God.

Some have imagined that Jesus referred to a small gate in the wall of Jerusalem, called the Needle's Eye. No one could pass through this gate except by crawling, and it was absolutely impossible for a camel to pass through. This however, has no support in scripture, and certainly was not the meaning of Jesus, for He spoke of "the eye of a needle"—any needle—and not something called the Needle's Eye.



There will be no *Evangel* next week. Watch for the special Christmas issue December 24.

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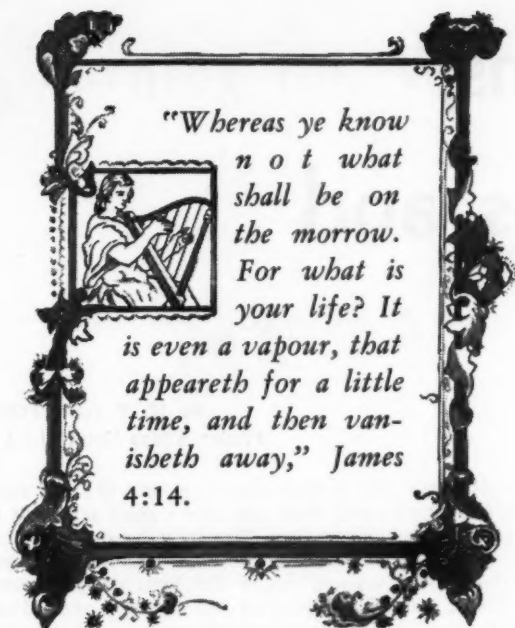
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4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saint's feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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what is your life?

Man's most important question

By LOUIS H. CROSS
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WE HAVE BEEN SPEAKING to you about a question found in James 4:14, "For what is your life?" We have discussed your present physical life and future or eternal life. To conclude this series, let me direct your thinking to the few moments between these two. What will be your attitude toward your life when the time for your departure is at hand, when you are facing the inevitable path through the valley of the shadow of death? At that time, perhaps you will survey your life on earth and your prospects for eternal life. Then you will be best prepared to answer, in its fullest significance, the question, "What is your life?"

Let me read to you the words spoken by the Apostle Paul as he approached the end of a life of service to Christ. You will find these words in 2 Timothy 4:6-8, "... *The time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*"

How desirable it is for us to fight a good fight. How many of you have played a game with a burning desire to win, or to give the opponent a good fight? Perhaps there was no prize, just an innate desire to win. Can you remember the good feeling of being a winner? Then think how you will feel as you approach the conclusion to the game of life. How glorious it will be to say with the Apostle Paul, "*I have fought a good fight.*"

Those of you that have followed baseball, can you remember how every world series game is a good game? Every play is important. Why? Not only because of the desire to be the winner in an important game, but there is a great prize for the winner. What is the prize in this game of life? To the winner there is eternal life, and to the loser, eternal damnation.

Paul said, "*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course.*" Think how natural it is for us to want to finish a rewarding job. When you start to read a good

book, or you ladies, when you start to make a dress, how eager you are for the completion. When you men start to repair something, how annoying it is to be interrupted. A few years ago I built a home. With a great deal of care we selected the site, drew the plans for the house, followed meticulously the day by day details of construction. What a sense of accomplishment to walk in when the house was completed! But Jesus has for our life a work far greater than building a home. By devoting our time and talents to Him, we shall be able to review our life with a sense of completeness. We shall be able to say, "*I have finished my course.*"

Paul then said, "*I have kept the faith.*" Do you know the good feeling that comes from someone's trusting you with something very valuable? There is something about trust that builds character. (Let me say parenthetically, parents, build trust in your children.) Jesus Christ has given us life; He has shed His blood for our salvation. Will it not be glorious knowing that we have kept His trust; we have kept the faith?

This scene at the end of the Apostle Paul's life was not all a review. In his testimony we find an enthusiastic preview of things to come. He said, "*Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day.*" Paul was able there to demonstrate a fundamental teaching of Christ. At a time when he was imprisoned and had been condemned to death, he was capable of thinking of others. He penned these inspiring words, "*Not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*" Glory! Hallelujah!

What is your life? How will it appear to you as you view it in those few moments before you depart the earthly life? If we as Paul can say with pride, with joy, with purpose, with a sense of completion, and with a sense of satisfaction, "*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith,*" then it will be possible for us to claim the prize of eternal life.

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Dreams, Visions and Ideals

By W. E. LANKFORD
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Acts 2:17, "And your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams."

THE DREAMERS ARE THE SAVIORS of the world. As the visible world is sustained by the invisible; so men, through all their trials and sins and sordid vocations, are nourished by the beautiful visions of their solitary dreams. Humanity cannot forget its dreamers; it cannot let their ideals fade and die; it lives in them; it knows them as the realities which it shall one day see and know.

Composers, sculptors, painters, poets, prophets, sages—these are the makers of the afterworld, the architects of heaven. The world is beautiful because they have lived; without them, laboring humanity would perish.

He who cherishes a beautiful vision or a lofty ideal in his heart, will one day realize it. Columbus cherished a vision of another world, and he discovered it. Copernicus fostered the vision of a multiplicity of worlds and a wider universe, and he revealed it.

Cherish your vision; Cherish your ideals; cherish the music that stirs in your heart, the beauty that forms in your heart, the loveliness that drapes your purest thoughts; for out of them will grow all delightful conditions, all heavenly environment; of these, if you but remain true to them, your world will at last be built.

To desire is to obtain; to aspire is to achieve. Shall man's basest desire receive the fullest measure of gratification and his purest aspirations starve for lack of sustenance? Such is not the law; such a condition of things can never obtain. "Ask and ye shall receive."

Dream lofty dreams; and as you dream, so shall you become. Your vision is the promise of what you shall one day be; your ideal is the prophecy of what you shall at last unveil.

You will receive that which you earn—no more, no less. Whatever your present environment may be, you will fall, remain, or rise with your thoughts, your vision, your ideal. You will become as small as your controlling desire or as great as your dominant aspiration. In the beautiful words of Stanton Kirkham Davis, "You may be keeping accounts, and presently you shall walk out of the door that for so long has seemed to you the barrier of your ideals; and you shall find yourself before an audi-

ence—the pen still behind your ear, and the ink stains on your fingers—and then and there shall pour out the torrent of your inspiration. You may be driving sheep, and you shall wander to the city—bucolic and open-mouthed; shall wander under the intrepid guidance of the Spirit into the studio of the master, and after a time he shall say, "I have nothing more to teach you." And now you have become the master, who did so recently dream of great things while driving sheep. You shall lay down the saw and the plane to take upon yourself the regeneration of the world."

The thoughtless, the ignorant, and the indolent, seeing only the apparent effects of things and not the things themselves, talk of luck, of fortune, and of chance. Seeing a man grow rich, they say, "How lucky he is!" Observing another become intellectual, they exclaim, "How highly favored he is!" And noting the saintly character and wide influence of another, they remark, "How chance aids him at every turn!" They do not see the trials and failures and struggles which these men have voluntarily encountered in order to gain their experiences; have no knowledge of the sacrifices they have made, of the undaunted efforts they have put forth, of the faith they have exercised, that they might overcome the apparently insurmountable, and realize the visions of their hearts. They do not know the darkness and the heartaches; they only see the light and joy, and call it "luck"; do not see the long and arduous journey but only behold the pleasant goal, and call it "chance."

In all human affairs, there are efforts; and there are results; and the strength of the effort is the measure of the result.

The greatest achievement was, at first and for a time, a dream. The oak sleeps in the acorn; the bird waits in the egg; and in the highest vision of the soul, a waking angel stirs. Dreams are the seedlings of realities.

YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES may be congenial, but they shall not long remain so if you but perceive an ideal and strive to reach it. You cannot travel within and stand still without. Here is a youth hard pressed by poverty and labor, confined long hours in an unhealthy workshop, unschooled, and lacking all the arts of refinement. But he dreams of better things; he thinks of intelligence, of refinement, of grace and beauty.

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Turning the World

UPSIDE DOWN

"These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also," Acts 17:6b.

JRULY, this is the testimony that all Christians of today should have; and I believe that the Church of God, as a whole, has it; for there is no small stir everywhere a Church of God is, or is being established.

Wherever Paul and Silas and many of the apostles went, after Pentecost, they created no small stir among the people in some way or other. They did not start any trouble or any uproar intentionally. They spoke and moved about with such boldness and authority in Christ, that it aroused the people with whom they came in contact, either to adore and accept Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, or to rage and rise in an uproar especially the so-called religious body of that day. The Doctrine of Jesus, that Paul and Silas preached, was contrary to the added laws of the priests and scribes of the Temple; and completely upset the traditions of the populace in general. The same gospel will do the same today; in many places it will be accepted gladly and, in other places, rejected.

Tidings of the early apostles preceded them and spread afar; thus they were accepted by some with joy, but by the religious leaders with envy, disdain, and often with fear. Often councils were hastily called to figure out some way to get rid of them, or to cause their ministry to be spoken of evilly. The cry of alarm: "These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also." *Why?* Because priests and scribes knew that if the people believed in this doctrine of Jesus Christ, they would lose influence, positions, and incomes already established by their teachings of the traditions of men, and their adding to, and taking away from the laws given by Moses.

Yes, for greed and fleshly lusts (desires) they sought to injure their best friends. Any minister or handmaiden of today, as then, is the sinners' best friend. The Christian cannot save the soul; but he or she can lead the sinner to Christ Jesus, the Son of God, who can and will save all that repent and call on Him.

The secret of the stir created amongst the people by the early apostles is that they did not lean on their own



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understanding, were filled with the Spirit, and were led by the Holy Ghost. They did not follow ordinary methods of ministry; but as Paul himself states, "And I, brethren when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech, or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power," 1 Corinthians 2:1, 4. Later, he firmly declared to them: "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." 2 Corinthians 7:1.

LET US REMEMBER, if we—as Christians, as the Church of God—are to accomplish great things for God in these last and perilous days, it is going to be through the power of the Spirit of God, and not through fine comfortable cushioned pews (though all right). It is not going to be through great theological orations and lectures spiced with laughable anecdotes, or through great singspiration programs with slapstick comedy thrown in to attract the children. Neither is it going to be by tedious hours of dry teaching of theology and science, without any spiritual life. The Bible tells us: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts," Zechariah 4:6b.

Do our lives upset the general order of conditions in our
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Christ's Birthday Offering for Foreign Missions This Christmas

(A LITERATURE FOR THE LOST PROGRAM FOR CHURCH OF GOD SUNDAY SCHOOLS)

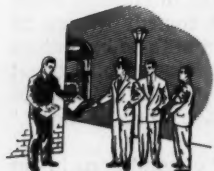
NOTICE—All Church of God Sunday Schools in America and Canada can make a wonderful contribution to *The Literature for the Lost Program* by giving a *Christ's Birthday Offering* of \$19.55. This Christmas—just one penny for every year since the birth of the Saviour. This would please *Him* because it will be used—every penny of it—to put the gospel on the printed page and then to send it into every country possible as far as the *Christ's Birthday Offering Gifts* will allow.

The *Christ's Birthday Offering* is to be taken on Sunday Morning, December 25 through the Sunday School and each class should have a part. Christmas falls on Sunday this year. May we make this effort unanimous this Christmas. Many of us will receive gifts. Let us not forget *Him*. "For as oft as ye have done it unto the least of one of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." The heathen are hungry to read and hear the message of truth from heaven. Let us have a part in sending it to them.

Our Sunday Schools Need to Give This "Christ's Birthday Offering" to the Cause of Missions Because:



1. Seventh Day Adventists are spending \$15,000,000 annually in their printed ministry.



2. Jehovah's Witnesses own and operate the world's largest printing press and a continual stream of literature goes from it in 40 different languages. It would be almost impossible to estimate the millions of dollars they spend to win converts to their false concepts of Christianity.



3. Communists have printed two pieces of literature for every man, woman, boy and girl in the entire world. They boast that they must, will, and shall succeed.



4. The Knights of Columbus spent \$700,000 last year to win converts in America to Roman Catholicism. Their articles can be found in the nations leading magazines, newspapers, etc. They are there for a purpose. The power of the printed page is realized as most effective in spreading their propaganda.



5. Covetousness and selfish men are actually trafficking in the souls of the youth through secular, sinful, and seductive magazines of today! Their flagrant disregard of morals is constantly discussed throughout the length and breadth of this nation. This fleshly, filthy propaganda is moulding the minds of millions in the earth. They prize indecent exposure of the body, illicit relationships, strong drink and many other sinful practices which are reaping a great harvest by filling the jails, penitentiaries, houses of correction, and mental hospitals to overflowing.

6. Of the world's 2,974 languages, 1,789 do not have a Bible or a missionary.

7. The Church of God needs printing presses in India, Africa, Europe, Latin America, Haiti and many other places.

8. The work being done through the printed page by fundamental Christianity to save mankind is but a pittance in comparison to what is being done to damn them. The *Evangel* is being printed in seven different languages.

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Foreign Missions Executive Secretary

MISSIONARY'S DAUGHTER IN AFRICA GOES TO
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SHIRLEY JOYCE MOONEYHAM is a typical American girl except for two things. She lives in Abak in Nigeria, just above the Equator. And she goes to school by mail.

She attends the Calvert School in Baltimore, Maryland, a non-profit unendowed institution that for some 50 years has specialized in providing an education, from kindergarten through the ninth grade, for children who cannot attend regular schools.

Shirley is the daughter of Brother and Sister T. D. Mooneyham, who are Church of God missionaries in Nigeria. She has several Calvert schoolmates in other parts of Nigeria and in Africa; for the school's student body includes some 8,000 pupils all over the world, many of them children of missionaries.

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Belief in God

By JACKIE G. BRIDGES, State Secretary of Tennessee

MANY TIMES WE ARE approached with the question, "Why do you believe in God?" And, some of the time, we are unable to efficiently answer the question. We know why we believe in God, yet we are reluctant to express our belief. It could be that we have been caught as one who reads the Bible but does not feed upon it. At any rate, there are some reasons why I, personally, believe in God. It is my pleasure to share them with you, and it is my prayer that you will receive from them something that will be a blessing to you.

First, I believe in God because *the world of nature points to Him*. The first book of Moses, called "Genesis," gives us a detailed description of the creation; and through reading this book we are brought face to face with the fact that nature in its existence points to God. Let us read some of the words and then see them fulfilled: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." This was fulfilled. "And God said, Let there be light: and there was light." God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters . . ." and it came to pass. God said, "Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so."

God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so." God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years . . . and it was so." God said, "Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven . . . and God saw that it was good."

God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so." And God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness . . . So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

As we look about us today, we see the manifestation of God as the sun gives forth its warmth and glow, and as the moon shines so brightly at night; we see the land as it brings forth the beautiful flowers and watch them

as they grow and give off their radiant fragrance. We see the fish of the water and the birds of the air as they glorify the Creator in their movements. We see man as he goes to and fro upon the earth; some following the devices of sin and others glorifying God. All of this proves to me there is a God.

Charles Forlines in his book entitled, *Finding God Through Christ* says, "Follow astronomy, geology, physics, chemistry and biology far enough and this is what you find: law, order, cosmos, God." Yes, God is the Creator and Supreme God today and I am happy to believe in Him.

SECOND, I BELIEVE in God because of *the moral impulsion and conscience which I feel*. Recently, I read of a "Conscience Fund" that has grown from a few thousand dollars to millions of dollars. Yes, people today realize there is a God because their conscience tells them of the wrongs before they do them. We have impulses to do things; but, if God be true, we know whether or not they are morally right or wrong before we do them. Then, when we go against what we know is right, we have the knowledge that we have sinned. Matthew 27:3, 4 relates to us that Judas' conscience declared to him that he had sinned. Yes, the moral impulses and our conscience are always working and warn us from the cradle to the grave of what is right and what is wrong. This is an act of God. Since it is an act of God, it serves as a directional signal pointing to God; and, as a result, I believe in God.

Third, I believe in God because of *the course of history*—not history as it relates to places and dates but a moral history. When our God created this world and its creatures, as I mentioned in the first part of this article, the history of man and his acts began to flow. Adam, the first man, was instructed in the law of righteousness—making it a moral kingdom; and the history since then has been evolving around the fact of good or evil. The Old Testament gives us both history and prophecy.

All through the Bible it clearly implies that we are under a moral law; we may choose to do good or choose to

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"Why Are Ye So Fearful?"

By PAULINE WEAVER HARDING
Mark 4:40

"WHY ARE ye so fearful" are the words Jesus spoke to His disciples when they were convinced that the winds and waves would destroy and send them to a watery grave. It seems that today He forcefully speaks to you and to me the same words that He sadly spoke to them—"How is it that ye have no faith?"

How, indeed? I ask. Why are you so fearful? After constantly hearing and reading about a dread disease that threatens mankind, do you fear? Jesus has been the Healer of all diseases since the day He healed the incurable lepers. When you hear the statistics, are you afraid that you have a very good chance of spending some time in a mental institution? He has had control of the human mind since He healed the man at the tombs, whom we later find clothed and in his right mind sitting at the feet of Jesus! Surely one cannot be afraid of the depression rumors being circulated today! God has been making enough food for all since the day He fed the 5,000 with a little boy's lunch! Have we forgotten that it is He who clothes the lily in such splendid array that even "Solomon in all his glory," could not be compared to it? Do you fear the atom bomb and the hydrogen bomb? We should not fear what man can do to us, for there is a beautiful heavenly place prepared for us.

After hearing Jesus rebuke the winds and waves, the disciples asked

among themselves, "What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" Mark 4:41. Everything obeys Him; our destinies are in His hands. Does He not see us? We are worth more than the sparrows, and our Heavenly Father knows when even one of them falls to the ground. Does He not care when temptation comes? Indeed, He will make a way for our escape. Is He not always near to comfort and sustain in the darkest hour? Assuredly, for He has promised, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." With the many promises found in His Word, there is no situation that one will not cover. Regardless of our fears, doubts, and worries, there is some portion of His word which will dispel them. After they are gone, we can hear His voice as His disciples heard it on the stormy night so long ago, "Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?" As through the years we have been His children, seen the answers to our prayers, and felt His presence when we needed Him, we catch a glimpse of the Saviour anew. "He is the Lily of the valley and the bright and morning Star," the One who is "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." Once again praising Him because He loves us, we look toward heaven with new determination not to doubt, but to claim His promises and rest securely in His arms. Let not the Saviour say to us again, "Why are ye so fearful?"

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BELIEF IN GOD

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do evil. Therefore, it would be a wise thing for us to remember that "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption." History points us to the accuracy of this Scripture. On the other hand, we are also told, "He that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." We are made up alike; we cry with those that cry and laugh with those that laugh. We all suffer alike. History also points out that "all things work together for good to them that love God." Through loving God and believing in the history of the Bible and its fulfillment, I believe in God.

Fourth, and last, I believe in God because of *what I can feel in my soul*. Words are very inadequate for me to express just what I feel in my soul. John 1:14 says, "the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." He not only dwelt among us; but, somehow or other, I have a feeling that he is in us through the working of the Holy Ghost. This Spirit fills our spiritual needs, our physical needs, and our material needs. Many things I do not know, but I am certain of one thing: Eleven years ago while living in Sevierville, Tennessee, and attending Bible Training School and College as a High School freshman, Christ came into my life. I have never doubted that there was a God since that time. Fear of the uncertainties of life left and in their place came peace—the peace that passeth all understanding.

Through the revealing of the Spirit we can see the work of God as it is manifested today in saving souls, sanctifying, filling with the Holy Ghost, healing, and supplying needs. It is the Spirit of God within our souls that helps us to understand the problems we face. Without Christ in my life, I could not do anything; but, through Christ, all things are possible. The many times he has healed my body, supplied my material and physical needs, and given me a shout in my soul, makes me to know of a certainty that there is a God. I believe in God. Do you believe in God? Why?



DREAMS, VISIONS, IDEALS

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ty. He conceives of and mentally builds up an ideal condition of life; the vision of a wider liberty and a larger scope takes possession of him; unrest urges him to action; and he utilizes all his spare time and means, small though they are, to the development of his latent powers and resources. Very soon his mind has become so altered that the workshop can no longer hold him. It has become so out of harmony with his mentality that it falls out of his life as a garment that is cast aside; and, with the growth of opportunities which fit the scope of his expanding powers, he passes out of it forever. Years later, we see this youth as a full grown man. We find him a master of certain forces of the mind which he wields with world-wide influence and almost unequalled power. In his hands he holds the cords of gigantic responsibilities; he speaks, and lo! lives are changed; men and women hang upon his words and remold their characters;

and, as the sun, he becomes the fixed and luminous center around which innumerable destinies revolve. He has realized the vision of his youth. He has become one with his ideal.

And you, too, Youthful Reader, will realize the vision (not the idle wish) of your heart, be it base or beautiful or a mixture of both; for you will always gravitate toward that which you, secretly, love most. Into your hands will be placed the exact results of your own thoughts; chance is not. "Gifts" and powers, material, intellectual, and spiritual possessions are the fruits of effort; they are thoughts completed, objects accomplished, visions realized.

The vision that you glorify in your mind, the ideal that you enthrone in your heart—by this you will build your life; this you will become; so says the Word of God. "For as he thinketh in his heart so is he."



TURNING THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN

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homes, or the places where we board and room, or labor, or even worship?

Are you different? Can folks tell that you are a Christian, by the way you dress, the way you talk, the way you walk, the places you go, and how often you go to church? If you are a minister or a handmaiden, does your preaching create no small stir, upset some of the pet ideas and traditions of many church members and professing Christians, draw the desire of the sinner to repentance and instill in him a longing to be converted and added to the good Church of God?

Is Jesus Christ so illuminated by the Holy Ghost in our everyday lives that when sinners and backsliders are near us, they either feel ashamed of themselves and ask for prayer; or they resent our presence and would rather be away from us because they love darkness, for their deeds are evil? If not, there is a lack of the dynamite of God in our lives—the Holy Spirit power, which we should be full of. When filled with the Spirit and moved by Him, we'll be unusual and will do out-of-the-ordinary things for Jesus. We will be strong in faith, full of zeal and wisdom, and we will speak and live the life Christ gives us with boldness and authority.

One cannot be neutral and have the victory in Jesus or do exploits for Him. We must be spiritually militant. "But the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits," Daniel 11:32.

Paul writes to Timothy, "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses," 1 Timothy 6:12.

Let us stir ourselves and take a definite stand for Christ, moving forward with unbroken ranks in the boldness and authority of Jesus and the Holy Ghost. "The battle is the Lord's." Let us turn the world upside down for Jesus. Let us not be ashamed of the Captain of our Salvation, the Head of the Church, or the Church of God. What the world calls upside down, is really right side up to God.



For the tenth consecutive year the National Association of Evangelicals is providing worship material for the World Day of Prayer, February 17, 1956, for churches and groups of churches desiring a service with Bible-centered emphasis.

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"... my right and my cause ..."

A significant event in the production of religious films is the new Korean sound motion picture "... my right and my cause ..." prepared by the American Bible Society and available on a free-loan basis. The title comes from Psalm 9, part of which is read on the sound track. The picture tells the true and dramatic story of the making of the Revised Hankul Bible for Korea, a Bible in which the simplified Hankul spelling replaces the classical, ornate Korean alphabet and can be read more easily and with greater understanding by the Korean people.

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A smothered emotion soon ceases to need smothering.

WHAT IS YOUR LIFE?

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What is your life? Will you by accepting Christ in His fullness make it a life which you can carry to the portals of eternity with pride and assurance?

I can best express my sentiments at the conclusion of this series by quoting John 20:31, "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."

New Church at Monroe, Georgia



These pictures are of the exterior and interior of the newly constructed Monroe Church of God. This beautiful building, which is thirty-six by seventy-six feet in size, is situated on a lovely lot in one of the better residential sections of Monroe. It has cathedral glass windows, carpeted floors, factory-built pews, and all of the other things that make a beautiful interior. Too, this building is also equipped with a 250,000 B.T.U. central heating system and has nice rest rooms. It also has a baptistry.

Rev. Harry R. Henderson, the pastor, went to Monroe about two years ago. The congregation there owned this lot and had a building fund of \$750.00; however, they were a long way from the place that they have attained under the able leadership of Brother Henderson. Shortly after he arrived at Monroe, he began to envision the church building that is a reality there today. He has spent countless hours laboring with his hands, as well as many hours in managing and directing his congregation in this accomplishment and in prayer to God for strength and provisions to go on with the project.

Of course, the church there is moving forward in all departments. The Sunday School has gained in attendance from about 60 to 70 to an average of 147 last month.

We must not forget to tell you that the Monroe congregation owes only \$4,700.00 on this building. It is valued at approximately \$35,000.00. This pastor and fine congregation does not intend to rest on the laurels of this accomplishment, by the time you read this they will have broken the ground for a two-story Sunday School annex! Isn't it wonderful what faith AND WORK will accomplish. May God ever bless this good pastor and his fine people for their monumental work.

REVIVAL SPIRIT CONTINUES

FAIR PLAY, Mo.—We have just had a two weeks' revival conducted by Brother John D. Buckner. We had good crowds and a real outpouring of the Holy Ghost. One was sanctified, 1 was baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 3 or 4 were reclaimed. The revival fires are still burning in the people's hearts. Pray for us.—R. F. Hamilton, Pastor.



LEE COLLEGE REVIVAL



For eight days and nights Jesus, the Christ, of Nazareth was lifted up at "God's School for God's Business"; and the result was one of the most striking revivals that Lee College has ever witnessed. On the first night—a Sunday—it was quite evident that "the hand of the Lord was with" the evangelist, Reverend Roy Burroughs, State Evangelist for South Carolina; for "a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord." Service after service the altars were full, and the rejoicing of those set free and blessed was like the sound of many waters.

On Monday night, as Brother Burroughs neared the end of his message, the power of God began mightily to be manifested as those filled with His Spirit shouted their praises to the Most High God. Hungry souls rushed down the aisles. Before the last seeker had left on that night, it was my happy experience to see more souls receive the baptism in the Holy Ghost than ever before in a revival. One young student was praying almost by himself when the Holy Ghost fell on him and he began to speak with other

tongues as the Spirit gave him utterance.

A spirit of conviction seemed to sweep over the congregation the following night. Many with broken spirits and contrite hearts left their seats and poured into the altars to seek deliverance. By the middle of the week so many were being saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost that President R. Leonard Carroll announced that the revival would continue on through the weekend. Surely God was in this decision because, on Saturday night, He poured out of His Spirit on two who had sought the Baptism every night throughout the two revivals here last year as well as after many Sunday night services.

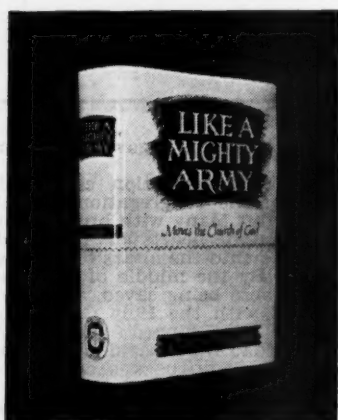
On Sunday night, the last, another young lady, for whose salvation many had been praying, held on to God until he reclaimed her and gave her the blessed Promise.

Throughout the week there were many testimonies to the marvelous works of the Lord. One young man, an erstwhile hardened and pugnacious Marine, glorified God for His tender love shed abroad in his heart. Numbers bore witness to God's healing powers. Long-time Christians praised God for the strengthening of their faith. Another student, a most humble young man, told of a new vision of the white fields of Peru, the mission field to which God had called him. And it greatly blessed one's soul to see certain of these young students staying in the altar night after night, praying with and encouraging those who might grow weary while wrestling for a blessing from God.

The revival, even though it was a fruitful one and glorious to many, ended, unfortunately, with some among us yet in darkness and still not refreshed by the waters which broke out in the wilderness. It is for these that those at Lee earnestly covet the prayers of you who are on the field that God may yet "open their eyes, and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in (Him)."—C. R. Beach, Professor, Lee College.

CHURCH BLESSED BY MEETING

CAREY, Ohio—Recently, we closed a good revival which was conducted by Brother Walter M. Thompson. Four were saved, and several came to the altar and rededicated their lives to God. Brother Thompson is our state evangelist. He and his good wife were a blessing to the Carey Church, and we can recommend them to any church which appreciates good gospel preaching and is willing for the Lord to have His way.—Bob Pauline, Pastor.



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GALLUP POLL SHOWS RELIGIOUS PEOPLE ARE THE HAPPIEST

NEW YORK, N. Y.—At the annual meeting here of the Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies, Dr. George Gallup, Director, American Institute of Public Opinion, Princeton, New Jersey, stated that his polls reveal "the most religious people are the happiest; and the more irreligious people are the most unhappy." The polls further show that the number of atheists in this country is no more than one to two per cent, and in France, the Communists were the least happy group of people.

Dr. Gallup indicated that the most interesting polls taken by his institute have been on questions of religion. He further stated that his interviewers never experienced resistance when asking individual religious preferences or religious affiliation. "Actually we experience resistance when we ask how they voted in the last election."

In reviewing the history of the Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies, which was formed thirty years ago, Dr. Gallup strongly urged that proper efforts be made to have the 1956 Census of Religious Bodies taken by the Federal Government as has been done since 1850 with the exception of the immediate post-war 1946.

The Statisticians' Association sent the following joint telegram to Sherman Adams, Assistant to the President; Sinclair Weeks, Secretary of Commerce; and Rowland Hughes, Director of the Budget.

"The undersigned members of the Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies, including the Catholic, Jewish and Protestant Faiths, meeting in New York are deeply disturbed at cumulative evidence of serious questions as to whether the Department of Commerce, The Budget Bureau, and the President will recommend the taking of the Census of Religious Bodies in 1956. This has been a regular and highly valued decennial census since 1850 and we strongly urge its continuance.

Mr. H. W. Klaser, Seventh Day Adventists; Rev. William C. Tapper, Baptist General Conference of America; Rev. H. D. Williams, the Church of God; Mr. Glenn B. Lacy, Disciples of Christ; Mr. R. R. Hodges, Church of the Nazarene; Rev. Hermann W. Kaebnick, D.D., Evangelical United Brethren; Rev. W. Sherman Kerschner,

D.D., Evangelical and Reformed; Rev. W. Hubert Porter, American Baptist; Miss Helen M. Knubel, National Lutheran Council; Rev. A. C. Hoover, The Methodist Church; Mr. Otto K. Finkbeiner, Presbyterian, U.S.A.; Mr. J. P. Edmunds, Southern Baptist; Captain N. P. Simington, The Salvation Army; Rev. C. Rankin Barnes, Episcopal; Dr. Louis Kenedy, Roman Catholic Church; Mr. Thomas B. Kenedy, Roman Catholic Church; Dr. H. S. Linfield, Jewish Bodies, Director, Jewish Statistical Bureau; Miss Clara Haberman, American Lutheran Church; Dr. Glenn Trimble, Director of Research, National Council of the Churches of Christ in U.S.A."

The newly-elected officers of the Association are: Mr. J. P. Edmunds, Southern Baptist Convention, President; Dr. Louis Kenedy, Roman Catholic Church and Dr. H. S. Linfield, Director, Jewish Statistical Bureau, Vice-Presidents; Miss Clara Haberman, American Lutheran Church, Secretary and Treasurer.

MORAL SAFEGUARDS DEMANDED FOR NEW RESERVE DRAFTEES

The National Security Training Commission has demanded careful safeguards over the moral conditions that will surround U. S. Army camps where 18-year-old youths will take the new six-month reserve training program.

The new program, which was opposed by some religious groups when legislation authorizing it was before Congress early this year, got under way last October with a group of 672 teenagers and 495 national guardsmen. The Army plans to train 90,000 youths during the coming year.

In its report to Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson, the commission recommended tough military training for the youthful reservists, who after completion of the six-month training camp indoctrination will spend seven and one half years in the active reserves. But it devoted most of its report to the need of meeting the moral problems involved in taking large groups of 18-year-olds out of their normal environment.

The Commission urged that the trainees be given "little, if any, leave or time off base." It said the Army should keep strict watch to see that no intoxicating beverages are available to the young trainees, and to make sure that prostitution is prohibited in the vicinity of the training camps. It made a number of suggestions con-

cerning recreation facilities and lecture series, and asked that arrangements be made whereby families and friends of the trainees may visit with them on weekends and during off-duty hours.

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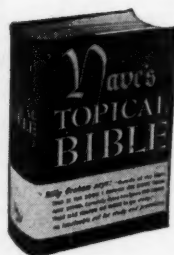
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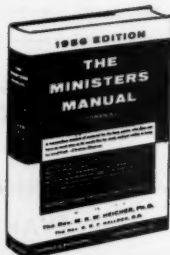
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